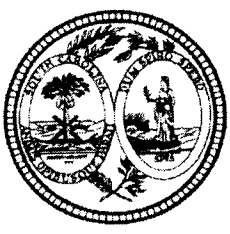


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The Public Service Commission State of South Carolina

April 1, 2010

Mr. Ross G. Cummings
3263 Miller Drive
Ladson, South Carolina 29546

Re: Public Night Hearing in Summerville, South Carolina on April 26, 2010
Docket No. 2009-489-E

Dear Mr. Cummings:

Thank you for your letter of March 26, 2010 regarding testimony being given under oath before the Commission. Certainly, there is no inference intended that any ratepayer would be telling an untruth when testifying regarding the proposed SCE&G rate increase at the public hearing. However, all witnesses appearing before the Commission who desire to have their testimony placed into the record must be sworn, or give an affirmation, before their testimony can be considered evidence in the proceeding. Act 175 of 2004 passed by the South Carolina General Assembly made the Public Service of South Carolina a court-like agency, and in doing so, made the Commissioners and Staff subject to the Code of Judicial Conduct and other requirements normally reserved for judges. As you know, witnesses presented in any court are placed under oath. South Carolina Code Ann. Section 58-3-50 (Supp. 2009) allows the Clerk of the Commission to administer oaths. The night public hearing is considered a court hearing, and the witnesses are therefore requested to take the oath, or in the alternative, to affirm that he or she will tell the truth.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I hope this helps.

Sincerely,

F. David Butler
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